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NC 65 RETURNS

The NC 65 returned Friday afternoon at 4:58 PM with a capacity load of passengers and freight. After six months on the mainland undergoing alterations, numerous changes were made. She is now able to carry an additional 4,000 pounds pay load, which will mean a lot to Palmyra.

There were no changes in the crew and they all looked the same except Brownie, who we still say, looks a little thinner. George Avery returned after being operated on and Anthony Laborato came in as a relief cook, so that the hotel cooks can start taking their annual leave.

Mr. C.H. Dyer, chief of the finance and management division, and Mr. Olson are stopping over until the NC 65 returns from Canton Island. Mel Allison stayed over to work on the range station with the acting RTIC.

Neil W. Ackland, deputy superintendent of public instruction was also a welcome passenger this trip. Messrs Goodlan, Graham and Yarnada, of the engineering section will be with us for several weeks, making a survey of the landing field and etc.

Gene David was a thru passenger and had quite a busy time taking in the sights as this is his first trip here. Other thru passengers included a number of contractors who are to bid on the Canton Island work.

The navy plane came in around three A.M. Thursday. There were no landing passengers, but they had considerable mail. On the return trip the only outgoing passenger was Douglas MacArthur, who suffered a broken arm last week, after he fell getting off the Dodge.

Last week we slipped up on part of the passengers on the navy plane. Dusty Haller returned from the big City up north and told this writer that it was good to be home on Palmyra.

Estaban Martin, was another of the outgoing passengers last week, who returned to Honolulu.

PALMYRA & PEDAGOGY

The above is the heading given an editorial in the Honolulu Star Bulletin, November 26th., by Riley H. Allen. The full article is as follows.

Some teacher with true professional zeal and a love of the tropical seas and islands may have a rare chance soon to gratify both ambition and desire.

Neil W. Ackland, deputy superintendent of public instruction, leaves today for Palmyra atoll, fabled spot in the blue-green ocean far to the south.

There are six children there, children of U. S. citizen residents, who need schooling. There are interesting expectations of others.

Palmyra atoll, owned by the Pullard-Lees of Honolulu, is technically a part of the city-county of Honolulu. But is separated by 962 nautical miles of tossing Pacific.

Its little colony is made up of the manager and staff members of the civil aeronautics authority (CAA) and their families. CAA operates an air base and weather station at Palmyra.

The residents of Palmyra argue, with justice that they pay taxes and are entitled to a return on their payments. Schooling for their children is the chief form of return they want.

Palmyra has no miles of brightly lit streets. It has no gay hotels and crowded cafes. It has no stadium, no motion picture palaces, (though it does have movies now and then), no tourists, no bottle clubs and no floral parades.

But for those who love Nature, for those who rejoice in a measure of solitude, for those who can read books leisurely, who savor the salt air, are pleased ~~with~~ by the waving of cocon palm against the sunset; for those to whom the slow wheel of the stars is as interesting as the mad racing of high powered autos, Palmyra should be a miniature paradise.

Also, it must be a grand place to save money.

We've been there only once. It was during the brief stop of a plane en route north from Samoa.

From high in the air, we saw Palmyra as a gem of green - beach bordered in white, set in the deep blues and purples of the surrounding sea.

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On arrival nobody urged us to buy leis, curios or real estate. No taxi drivers solicited our trade. No glittering signs proclaimed the merits of this or that rendezvous of merry-makers. The only request we got on that brief visit was to help the folks of Palmyra get a school teacher!

They deserve one, and their children need one. And if Neil Ackland comes back from Palmyra without a practical plan for getting that teacher for them, may the ghosts of the bus-converters whose bodies and loot are said to be buried somewhere on those circling coral beaches, arise in the night and menace him with their outlasses and breech-loading muskets!

We all want to thank you, Mr. Allen, for your help. Mr. Ackland will not have to worry about having his sleep disturbed when he returns to Honolulu.

LET'S GROW OUR OWN FOOD. From the Honolulu Star Bulletin. By Louise S. Jessen (Information from the University of Hawaii College of Agriculture)

Bi-Sexual Papaya Trees Are Best.
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If you have several bi-sexuals you won't need any male trees. The bi-sexuals will pollinate themselves and the females. So cut down the male trees as soon as you can tell that they are males. You can distinguish the three types as soon as the blossoms appear.

Male blossoms are borne in clusters that hang down from the tree on long stems. Female and bi-sexual flowers have stems only about an inch long. Both of these types of flowers grow singly close to the tree trunk. Female flowers are round and "fat"; bi-sexuals are elongated and slender.

Although papayas are less susceptible to diseases and insect attacks than many crops, you should be ready to handle these difficulties if they should occur.

Anthracnose is a disease that starts with small, circular, slightly sunken brown spots in the green skin. These gradually enlarge and become saucer shaped. Later they become black and finally are covered with salmon or light pink deposits. Most of the spots start at the blossom end of the fruit.

When you first see these symptoms, destroy the diseased fruits. Then spray the tree every seven to ten days with one of the copper sprays.

These are sold under various trade names. Read the label to be sure you're getting a copper spray. Follow the directions on the package.

To be continued next week.

West coast shipping strike ends, ships to start sailing soon.

Honolulu greets P.O.A. plane from the north-west.

Santa Claus arrives in Honolulu. Children thrilled.

The little mynah bird's submarine cable fails, and there is no word from Honolulu regarding the boat that was expected in this Monday.

Palmyra parents meet with Neil Ackland, children to take achievement tests at nine AM Monday. Teacher due to arrive on first trip of NC 65 in January.

We received a letter from Al Spencer, who has just returned from Wake Island where he went after leaving Palmyra. He writes, "Had quite a time on Wake building living quarters and had the first six families in by the 1st. of July, so we beat Palmyra construction a little. There 12 families out there now and room for two more.

Wake is very much like Canton with no trees except scaevola and sand burs. The sun is very hard on the eyes, shining on the coral but the last three months have had lots of rain and cloudy weather. Fishing is fairly good and swimming is fine. Have quite a population on Wake, with PAA, TAL, Standard Oil and CAA, about 150 all told. Lots of sports going on, ball games, horse shoes, pitching, basketball, tennis, handball and ping pong."

"Give my best to all the bunch and tell the old gang that Callis and La Fourcade both have their families on Wake".

Thanks Al for the information on Wake.

With the change in the powerlines, the old Aeroneers store is now off the line and the stock has been moved to the Editors residence in Hangerville. There is still a stock of cards, earring backs, razor blades, handkerchiefs, shoe laces, gas lamp mantles and etc that we would like to get rid of before the first of the year. Drop in and look over the stock any evening we might have something you can use.

The little mynah bird reports that there will be only one boat between now and Christmas and that the NC 65 is due back here on the 13th of December. Her next trip will be early in January.

Mr. Ackland told the parents at the meeting held in the dining room at the hotel, that there had been only two applications for the teachers position on Palmyra up to the time he left Honolulu on Friday but there would probably be quite a number more after they read Riley Allen's editorial.

Palmyra is going to get the T in the Palmyra P.O.A. at last.